



STERN NEED OF THE HOUR--VALUE STEERED EDUCATION

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Modern Civilization is different from ancient civilization. There was a time when people used to live in forests or caves. They used to go on foot from one place to another. In the modern age of science and technology we use trains, cars, aero plans, rockets, etc. Today we use refrigerators, telephones, wireless apparatus for living comfortable life. Life has become very fast. Modernization has influenced our civilization and also take drastic change in our value system also.

Modern Culture is different from ancient culture. Many changes have taken place in Modern Culture. Customs, traditions, social norms and value system have been tremendous changed. Changes have taken in behavior and character of human beings.

Prof. Joad: The modern culture is totally different from the old culture. It is because of change in human values.

Eternal values namely Truth, Beauty and Goodness are disappearing. Now people are becoming ego-centered. They are interested in their own welfare. They do not bother about the welfare of others. Standards of living of people has been changed. The many ills that our society as a whole is suffering today are mainly due to or crisis of values. Values in public life seem to be on the cross roads. The people are losing ground in cherished values this nation stood for in the ancient past. There is erosion of social, moral cultural, economic and political values at all levels. The erosion of values has led to the spread of callous selfishness, unlimited greed, corruption, violence, abuse of human rights, frustration and crises character.

All present, when social, moral, cultural and spiritual values are disintegrating, when religion is losing its hold, when power and knowledge are being misused for vested education should be value-oriented. Only value oriented education can promote individual and social welfare, love, peace, good will and understanding.

The tension in present time is mainly due to the fact that knowledge has increased but morality has lagged behind. Morality in the form of truth, righteousness and non-violence is the only balm which can heal the wounds of humanity. It is value oriented education which would impel man to utilize atomic energy for the betterment of humanity rather than destruction. It is the task of education to develop preach and practice social, moral and spiritual values, as these values are the greatest unifying force in life. The erosion of values has started from the tops and it has gone down through different channels causing havoc all around. The result is that now perhaps only a revolutionary type of change would be able to set things right.

The social environment all around is deteriorating day by day. There is erosion of social, economic, practical and cultural values. No doubt, there has been great advancement in the field of science and technology, but it has changed the attitude of the people considerably. People have more or less materialistic attitude. Only value oriented education can deliver the goods rightly and help to change things for betterment.

Values of life are, ornaments which shine like stars in the personality of the individual who possesses those values. It is therefore, very important that values be inculcated.

Educational Institutions can play an important role in cultivation of values. Values should not be imported in the form of a subject rather it should be imported by school environment, curriculum and activities. In order to awaken children towards values. It is necessary that the institutional environment is democratic, clean, encouraging, disciplined and creative.

All the students should be treated equally and should be given equal rights. Language teacher and literature occupy an important place in developing values properly while teaching essay, stories, novel and life story of great people values can be cultivated. A child is naturally sensitive. The only need is to inculcate him to words socially-approved activities and awaken his sensitivity. Children should be encouraged for daily exercise and games so that they can cultivate the spirit of aesthetics for good health.

The birthdays of great people, scholars and thinkers of the country and world should be celebrated in the school. On these occasions, such feelings should be cultivated in a child's mind that the people who follow good values remain immortal and are remembered over ages, so we should adopt these good values in life.

Extension lectures based on morality or value oriented education may be arranged in the institution. Eminent persons specialized in his field may be invited. Educational Institutions should shoulder the responsibility and strive in every possible way for the inculcation of values in life of the youth.

When a teacher presents an ideal, it becomes easy for a child to assimilate the values. But for this, a teacher will have to determine values for himself. It is a teacher who can carry the serious, moral and practical responsibility of educating the young people, guide them and give them emotional security. A teacher pervading with spiritual consciousness and complete devotion inspired by will power can make education impressive. Today's students will become tomorrow's citizen who will carry the responsibility of nation on their shoulders. This is the duty of teacher to develop desirable values in them.

Value education is the education in values which trains a person in values. Value education is that education which helps a person to have proper and moral resolve and shapes his conduct and behavior based on values. Values are inculcated in the students through the daily life of teachers, parents, friends and society. Hence, we must be conscious at every moment of life.

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